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Dr. Ray Jouett
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Dear Ray:

Please accept my sincere commendation for your decision to become a Christian. I am sure that you recognize it to be the most abundant life.

The Christian's responsibility to witness to others is a great one. It is done most effective, however, through a dedicated life. Let me strongly urge you to make every effort and to accept every sacrifice necessary to live your religion.

There is no magic formula to acceptability before God. The Bible, however, does exhort the Christian to "pray without ceasing", 1 Thess. 5:17. Prayer is a wonderful privilege which belongs to the Christian and can offer the needed strength demanded by such a calling. The Bible teaches the Christian to "handle a right the word of Truth", II Tim. 2:15. This ability comes about through reading and the studying of God's word. Paul suggests that another source of strength to the Christian is attendance at all services, Heb. 10:25. This will be one of your major areas of concern for attendance at some services will be impossible, others will seem impossible but with great effort on your part can be attended. Even though these suggestions are simple they nevertheless promise growth and strength for the Christian.

I consider your friendship one of the most significant in my entire life and hope that our mutual concern for the Kingdom of God will keep us ever united.

Your Brother in Christ,

John Allen Chalk